GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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MINERALS IN TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the value of minerals found in the Tribal areas of the country, State-wise and location-wise;

(b) the percentage of royalty spent for the betterment of Tribals of those areas; and

(c) the details of the policy of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): At present the National Mineral resources are evaluated in terms of tonnage and grades and not in terms of value. Further the National Mineral Inventory is not available separately for Tribal Areas.

(b) & (c): Royalty on minerals is collected and spent by the respective State Governments in accordance with their requirement and policy on the subject.